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LOSS TO WCL DUE TO BURNING OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Coal stored by the Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) which is burnt every year during summer season;

(b) the loss suffered by WCL as a result thereof during each of the last three years; and

(c) the preventive measures taken to save the coal from burning?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): Western Coalfields Limited has not suffered any loss due to fire in coal stock during the last three years.

(c): Following preventive measures are taken by WCL to save coal from burning.

i) Despatches are maximised to ensure reduced coal stock levels before the start of the summer season.

ii) Wherever required, coal stocks are made compact and their heights are reduced.

iii) Water ranges, as far as possible, are laid around coal stocks to take care of any unforeseen emergencies.

iv) Fire tenders, water tankers, sprinklers and water storage tanks are kept in readiness.

v) Arrangements such as proper placement of fire extinguishers and fire fighting equipment duly checked and in readiness are ensured.